Insanitary condition in Metropolitan Cities

1175. DR. GOPALRAO VITHALRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that greatly concerned about the insanitary conditions prevailing in metroplitan cities of Mumbai, Delhi, Chennai Calcutta and Bangalore, the Supreme Court has directed the Secretary of his Ministry, to file his response in the court by a committee on the state of Cleanliness in these cities;

(b) if so, whether the response has been forwarded by his Ministry;

(c) the details of the response; and

(d) if not, the reasons for delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA): (a) The Supreme Court vide its order dated 24.11.99 had directed the Commissioner, Municipal Corporation of Delhi and the Secretary, Ministry of Urban Development to file a response regarding solid waste management in Delhi. The Supreme Court had also directed the Chief Secretaries of Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal and Karnataka as well as the respective Municipal Commissioners of Mumbai, Chennai, Calcutta and Bangalore to file their responses on solid waste management in their respective cities.

(b) Response of the Secretary, Ministry of Urban Development in regard to solid waste management in Delhi was filed in the Supreme Court on 5.1.2000.

(c) The Supreme Court was informed that solid waste management being a State subject, it is the responsibility of Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) and the New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) to take necessary action as per their respective Acts and to address the following macro level problems:—

(i) Amendment of old Municipal rules/laws as per present day needs.

(ii) Appointment of Municipal Magistrates against vacant posts.

(iii) Paucity of landfill sites and hence the need to adopt modern methods of disposal.

(iv) Large scale migration of people into Delhi every year.

(v) Problem of Indiscipline, high absenteeism and threat of strikes by safai karamcharis.

(vi) Strong opposition against privatisation.

MCD and NDMC have been advised to take the following action:—

(a) Improve waste management with zero tolerance in selected areas.

(b) Undertake special drives at frequent intervals.

(c) Ensure affective supervision by senior level officials.

(d) Upgrade skills and new innovative technologies.

(e) Manage through contract system to ensure better maintenance and customer satisfaction.

Ministry of Urban Development proposes to monitor the progress made in this direction by interacting with the concerned agencies to galvanise them and to ensure cohesive integrated approach with firm action.

(d) Does not arise.

Central Scheme to Develop Small and Medium Town in Orissa

1176. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government assist various States under the Central sponsored scheme to develop small and medium towns;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the names of the towns where it was implemented or proposed to be implemented in Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA): (a) Yes, Sir. The Central Government assist various States for development of Small and Medium Towns under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Integrated Development of Small and Medium Towns (IDSMT).

(b) Central Assistance amounting to Rs. 363.10 crores has been released to 946 towns of various States/Union Territories are given in Statement-I (*See* below) and the expenditure reported by the State Government is Rs. 569.80 crores.

(c) Towns where the Scheme has been implemented in Orissa is given in Statement-II (*See* below).